(घ) भोपाल में पूर्ण विकसित टी० वी० स्टुडियो केन्द्र और रायपुर में कार्यक्रम निर्माण सुविधा केन्द्र अपेक्षित स्टाफ के उपलब्ध हो जाने पर सेवा के लिए चालू कर दिए जायगे तथा जबलपुर में एक उच्चशक्ति ट्रांसमीटर, दतिया और जावरा में एक-एक अर्थात् कुल दो अल्प शक्ति टी०वी० ट्रांसमीटरों और कुकड़ेश्वर तथा फराशिया में एक-एक अर्थात् कुल दों अति अल्प शक्ति टी० वी० ट्रांसमीटरों का कार्य विभिन्न चरणों में चल रहा है।

Coverage of Orissa and Rajasthan by TV network

2364. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the places in Rajasthan and Orissa which have not, so far, been covered by Doordarshan network;

(b) whether Government have any proposals under consideration in this regard; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in the matter and by when all the areas/villages in Orissa/Rajasthan are likely to be covered by Doordarshan network indicating the provision made in this regard during 1992-93 and Eighth Five Year Plan period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Whereas all the districts of Rajasthan and Orissa are receiving TV service either wholy or partially, the details of places in the various States not presently covered by TV service are not maintained centrally in a compiled form.

(b) and (c) It is the constant endeavour of Doordarshan to extend TV service to the uncovered parts of the country in a phased manner depending upon availability of adequate resources and *inter-se* priorities. With the completion of TV transmitter projects under implementation and those envisaged to be set up in these States, an estimated 81.7 per cent population in Rajasthan and 83 per cent in Orissa is expected to be brought under TV coverage. These coverage figures are inclusive of population in fringe areas where elevated antennae and boosters are required for obtaining satisfactory TV reception. It is not possible to indicate the exact time-frame by when these two States will be wholy covered by TV service. The locations for the establishment of low power/very low power TV transmitters under Annual Plan 1992-93 and TV transmitters for the remaining years of VIII Plan period have not been finalised.

Committees/Boards under the Ministry of I and B

2365. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the various committees and/or Boards at various levels and in the various public sector organisations under the Ministry in which non-official members from the public are nominated or elected to represent various interests;

(b) the number of the Committees and Boards constituted alongwith the names and addresses of the members on each of these Committees;

(c) what is the present tenure of each of the Committees that have been constituted; and

(d) by when the other committees are likely to be constituted?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Expenditure of I and B Departments

2366. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BRODCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the outlay for the year 1991-92 was rupees 488.80

crores while the actual expenditure was rupees 299.63 crores for Broadcasting was Information Departments; and

(b) if so, the reasons for reduction of the expenditure?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main reasons for reduction of Plan expenditure during the year 1991-92 are as under:—

(i) Imposition of 5 per cent cut on the expenditure provisions contained in the sanctioned Budget Estimates for the year 1991-92;

(ii) Consequent upon the directions of Ministry of Finance in the context of the need to bring down the fiscal deficit to a more manageable level, a review was conducted and schemes and activities which could be eliminated or reduced in size were identified; and

(iii) General economy instructions issued from time to time by the Department of Expenditure.

Telecast of Sanskrit News on National network of Doordarshan

2367. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI KAILASH NARAIN SARANG:
SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to telecast Sanskrit news in the near future on the National Network of Doordarshan;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be telecast;

(c) whether it is a fact that Sanskrit is the mother of all Indian languages and is one of the most scientific and ancient languages which promotes culture and harmony; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in telecasting Sanskrit news on National Network?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (d) There is no proposal, at present, to introduce Sanskrit news bulletin on Doordarshan on account of paucity of transmission time and resources.

Microwave linkage to Ahmedabad and Rajkot

2368. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Gujarat have made a proposal to establish a Microwave linkage to Ahmedabad and Rajkot with other Kendras of the State for Regional Network until the uplink facility is provided in the INSAT-I for INSAT-II; if so, by when it would be possible to provide such linkage;

(b) whether Gujarat Government has made proposal for a microwave linkage between Ahmedabad and Delhi Doordarshan; and

(c) if so, by when it is likely to be provided?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. However, considering the fact that Satellite derived regional service is envisaged to be introduced in Gujarat by December, 1992, there is no proposal to provide a microwave linkage between the various TV transmitters in the State or between the Doordarshan Kendras of Delhi and Ahmedabad.